MR. SPEAKER.– The hon. member is permitted to seek one or two clarifications but he cannot make a statement.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.– I want some relief to be given to these poor people.

SRI D.DEVARAJ URS.— Sir, I am directing both the D. C. and the S. P. to Visit this village and settle the question. I am also asking them to take the concerned M. L. A. with them if he is willing to go there. According to my report one M. P. and a MLA had gone there with a view to bring about compromise. The V. P. C. Chairman appears to be not in a mood to listen. If according to the member 99 percent of the villagers are willing for this land to be given, there is no difficulty. The D. C. can over-rule and give the land to them.

(iii) re : Kidnapping of a Harijan candidate for Gondi Chatnalli V. P. Chairman on 3-1-1979.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶಿರ್ಳಾಳಿ ಚಿಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ (ಹೊಸನಗರ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಗೊಂಡಿಚಟ್ನಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಸಿದ್ದ ಹರಿಜನ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಯೊಬ್ಬರನ್ನು ೩ನೇ ಜನವರಿ ೧೯೭೯ ರಂದು ಅಪಹರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಬಚ್ಚಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರು ಚೇರ್ಮನ್ ಆಗುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಹೋಯಿತು. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI D.DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister) Sir I wish to make the following Statement.

On 4th January, 1979 at 11.45 hours, one Sannappa, S/o Basappa of Tavare Chantinahalli came to Shimoga rural police Station and presented a written complaint to the effect that on 3rd January, 1979 at 10.00 a.m. while he was returning after filing nomination for the Election of Village Panchayat Vice- Chairmanship of Gondichattanahalli, he was called by Sri Ikkeri Ningappa, Chairman, Regulated Market Committee and Veerabhadrappa who were seated in a car No. MEX 2469 near the House of Kumbar Nanjappa of Gondichattanahalli on the protext of having some important discussion. He went along with them in the said car to the house of Ikkeri Ningappa at Shimoga. In the mean while, one Siddappa joined Ikkeri Ningappa in his house. On his questioning, Ikkeri Ningappa told him that there is a Village Panchayat election that day and that he should remain with them till late night. In spite of his protext, he was taken to Mandagadde village in Car No. MEX 2469 forcibly and he was forced to remain there till 10.00. p.m. and then he was released at Shimoga. In this connection a case in Cr. No. 2/79 under Section 241, 342 R/W 34 IPC has been registered and accused (1) Ikkeri Ningappa. (2) Veerabhadrappa and (3) Ruddrayya were arrested on 7th January, 1979 at 1.30 p.m. and

released on bail on the same day by the Police. Accused Siddappa was arrested on 12th January, 1979 at 2.00 p.m. and released on bail by Police on the same day. Car No. MEX 2469, alleged to have been involved in the case, has been seized on 19th January, 1979 and released as per orders of the Court. The complainant was not kidnapped in the presence of either the Police or the Returning Officer. In his written complaint also he had not mentioned that he was kidnapped in the presence of police or returning Officer. The local Police came to know of the incident only when the complaint was lodged at the Police Station. Investigation in this case is completed and the charge sheet is sent to the concerned Assistant Public Prosecutor for scrutiny and onward submission to the Court.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರ್ನಳ್ಳಿ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ .—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನಾನು ಬಹಳ ದುಃಖದಿಂದ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಇದು ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾದಂಥ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ, ವರದಿ. ಆ ದಿನ ಅಂದರೆ ೩ ನೇ ತಾರೀಖು ಯಾವತ್ತು ಚುನಾವಣೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು ಅವತ್ತು ನಾನು ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದೆ. ಆವತ್ತು ರಿಟರ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಆಫೀಸರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೊಬೇಷನರಿ ಸಬ್ ಇನ್ಸ್‌ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಗೊಂಡಚಟ್ಟಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರ ಎದರಿಗೇ ಬಲ ವಂತವಾಗಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಎಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಎಂಬ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್ ಜನತಾ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದವರು. ಸಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಎಂಬ ಹರಿಜನ ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್. ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟಿಗೆ ಮೆಜಾರಿಟಿ ಇತ್ತು, ನಮ್ಮದ್ದು ಮೆಜಾರಿಟಿ ಇದೆಯೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿ, ನಮ್ಮ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ ಎಲೆಕ್ಟಾಗುತ್ತಾನೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಈ ಪ್ಲಾನ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಿಟರ್ನಿಂಗ್ ಆಫೀಸರ್ ಮಂತ್ತು ಪ್ರೊಬೇಷನರಿ ಸಬ್ ಇನ್ಸ್‌ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಎದುರಿಗೇ ಇವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದು ಪಡಿಸಬೇಕು, ಸಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ must be declared elected or postpone the election ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್‌ಗೆ ೪ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿ ಬಂದು ಕಂಪ್ಲೈಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾದ ಮಾತು. ಅವತ್ತೇ ಕಂಪ್ಲೈಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸ್ವಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್ ಎಂದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ವೈಸ್-ಛೇರ್ಮನ್ ಶಿಪ್‌ಗೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕರೇ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಕಡೆ ಈ ರೀತಿ ನಡೆದಿದೆ. ನಾನು ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಲ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಒಂದು ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯುವ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಇದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡಿ, ಯಾರು ಕಲ್‌ಪ್ರಿಟ್ಸ್ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷೆ ಕೊಡುಂತ್ತೀರಾ? He is the man behind the scene.

SRI D.DEVARAJ URS.—The hon. Member has come out with some more information. In the light of what he has stated, I will ask the police to further probe into the matter and investigate into it and book the culprits. In this connection, I would also like to make one point clear., through this House to the public. As the hon. Member puts it is not only in his constituency, but also in other constituencies, the tendencies would be to take away some members either by force or by consent or by some other temptations and keep them in some place or hotel and give them all the facilities that they want by desirable and undesirable methods – and finally bring them on the day of voting. On that day, they will not be in the sense or mood as to whom they will have to vote. So they will be asked to vote to whomsoever they want. I am sorry and I must admit that these matters

somehow have not been seriously dealt with. Now I have taken note of this and I think in the existing law, some more drastic action we can take. So, we are going to taken not only in this case, but also in all other cases hereafter where this kind of forceful incidents take place. The law will take its own course and the Government won't hesitate to take action on such persons however big or small they might be. In some places there is some lapse on the part of the local police. I will see that the police people take proper action whenever complaints are brought to their notice, irrespective of party affiliation – whether they belong to Janata or Congress suitable action is taken and properly dealt with.

MATTER UNDER RULE 312.

(i) *re* : Reported statement of Maharashtra C.M. on allocation of water from Manjara river

† SRI MANIK RAO PATIL (Aurad).—Sir, Shri Sharad Pawar while performing the Bhoomi Pooja at Ahemadpur said as follows. It is reported in the Deccan Herald dated 31-1-1979.

> "Aurangabad-Jan. 30: Ahemadpur and Udgir taluks in Osmanabad district will get Manjara waters as Karnataka has withdrawn its claim on Manjara waters Maharashtra Chief Minister Sharad Pawar said here today. He was performing the Bhoomi pooja to the Baki Medium Irrigation Project near Ahemadpur yesterday".

Sir, I don't know whether the statement of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra hold any truth or not. In the month of July, while putting a question our Chief Minister has clearly stated to my question No. 39 that the Manjara Lift Irrigation Project will have to depend upon the decision of the Godavari Water dispute. So, also I have requested the Hon. Minister concerned of the Govt. of India some times ago to give clearance to the project since the people of that area are awaiting it for a very long time. In response to my letter the Minister has written a letter to me which is as follows :

> "Please refer to your letter dated 9th September 1978 regarding the clearance to Manjara Lift Irrigation Scheme. We have received the scheme from the Central Water and Power Commission and comments of the Commission was sent to the State Government. Since the scheme lies in the Godavari Basin, it cannot be processed further pending decision of the Godavari Water Dispute. The Govt. of